

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A writing instrument holder for removably retaining one or more writing instruments at selected spatial locations, each of the writing instruments including a writing instrument body housing a marking substance and a clip attached to the writing instrument, the clip having a substantially straight, elongate member cantilevered from an attachment end, the writing instrument holder comprising:

a face wall;

a back wall substantially parallel to the face wall;

a plurality of ~~two~~ wall spacers each interconnecting the face wall and the back wall and forming substantially parallel tubular cells each between the face wall and the back wall and between adjacent wall spacers, each tubular cell configured for receiving the clip, such that the clip forcibly engages the face wall against the writing instrument body to hold the writing instrument in place; and

an attaching member spaced between a left side wall spacer and a right side wall spacer for attaching the back wall of the writing instrument holder to a selected mounting surface, such that the writing instrument holder is secured to the mounting surface for removably retaining each of the plurality of writing instruments.

2. **(Curr ntly Amend d)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the face wall, the back wall, and the plurality of wall spacers as a combination are each formed from a corrugated sheet.

3. **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 2, wherein the corrugated sheet is formed from one or more materials selected from a group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, polyacrylates, polyamides, and polycarbonates.

4. **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 2, wherein the writing instrument holder is stamped from a corrugated plastic sheet.

5. **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the back wall, the face wall, and the wall spacers are formed from plastic.

6. **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises an adhesive layer adhered to the back wall and having an exposed adhesive surface for attaching to the mounting surface.

7. **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises a hook and loop fastener, the hook and loop fastener

including a hook member and a loop member, the hook member securable to one of the writing instrument holder and the mounting surface, and the loop member securable to the other of the writing instrument holder and the mounting surface, the hook member and the loop member being removably securable to each other.

8.     **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises a magnetic member attached to the writing instrument holder and removably securable to a magnetically attractive mounting surface.

9.     **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises threaded stitching.

10.    **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 9, wherein the mounting surface is an article of clothing.

11.    **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises a rivet.

12.    **(Original)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises a pin, the pin removably securable to the mounting surface.

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13. **(Cancelled)**

14. **(Cancelled)**

15. **(Cancelled)**

16. **(Cancelled)**

17. **(Cancelled)**

18. **(Cancelled)**

19. **(Cancelled)**

20. **(Cancelled)**

21. **(Cancelled)**

22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Cancelled)**

24. **(N w)** A writing instrument holder for removably retaining one or more writing instruments at selected spatial locations, each of the writing instruments including a writing instrument body housing a marking substance and a clip attached to the writing instrument, the clip having a substantially straight, elongate member cantilevered from an attachment end, the writing instrument holder comprising:

a face wall;

a back wall substantially parallel to the face wall;

a plurality of wall spacers each interconnecting the face wall and the back wall and forming substantially parallel tubular cells each between the face wall and the back wall and between adjacent wall spacers, each tubular cell configured for receiving the clip, such that the clip holds the writing instrument in place on the writing instrument holder exterior of the respective tubular cell; and

an adhesive layer adhered to the back wall and having an exposed adhesive surface for attaching the writing instrument holder to a selected mounting surface, such that the writing instrument holder is secured to the mounting surface for removably retaining a plurality of writing instruments.

25. **(New)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 24, wherein the face wall, the back wall, and the plurality of wall spacers as a combination are formed from a corrugated sheet.

26. **(New)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 24, wherein the corrugated sheet is formed from one or more materials selected from a group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, polyacrylates, polyamides, and polycarbonates.

27. **(New)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 25, wherein the writing instrument holder is stamped from a corrugated plastic sheet.

28. **(New)** The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 24, wherein the back wall, the face wall, and the wall spacers are formed from plastic.